



Re: OU-1 cleanup work

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To that I would add that I have made several phone calls to the EPA Information Center in Libby, MT. I am told that Mr. Cirien is not available. After the call screener places me on hold, she then states, "Mike is in a meeting" or "he's preoccupied" or he can't speak to you right now". I always leave a message but I never receive a call back from Mr Cirien. Why is that? Thank you for your time, Suzy Rios

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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Subject: Re: OU-1 cleanup work

To those of you paid by taxpayer dollars;

We are all busy, some of us work 15 hour days. Yet we find time to respond to our emails, and to address these very critical issues.

We respectfully request your immediate attention to our concerns regarding Public health and safety on the deadliest superfund site in US history, recently declared an emergency.

Please treat it as one and we are requesting that each of you provide a fair and honest response to each of our recent questions/concerns.

It is our sincere desire to demand better public and environmental safety in Libby, Montana.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hartly

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 18, 2010, at 8:54 AM, gordon sullivan <gordsull@yahoo.com> wrote:

Victor

A few days ago I asked if "you" were sure of the facts you and Mr. Cirian have presented with regard to the serious issue of drug testing and the ER staff. You have not responded, so lets go at it from a direction. It seems at lunchtime at the mine site a group of ER employees in the company of the second ranking manager for ER decided to travel into town to "drink" their lunch. After doing so, and under the influence of alcohol, the group drove company trucks back to the mine site, through the guarded gate and back to work where their folly was eventually uncovered by a responsible manager. It is reported that the group of "lunch goers" were fired along with the high ranking ER manager. On the way out the gate one of the employees asked why they had been treated so roughly while the rest of the employees were known to be on drugs. That's supposedly is what spawned the round of drug tests, which resulted in the termination of several more ER employees. As a result of the whole issue, someone in authority (not the EPA) addressed the ER staff following the alleged incident issuing strong warnings as to the use of alcohol and drugs. While you, Mr. Cirian and others in EPA region eight management continue to report the entire issue is merely rumor and simply not true, others in the Libby community have a much different account of what actually went on. I will now ask you and the management of region eight if any part of the above account is true or not true???

Thank you

Gordon Sullivan

--- On Mon, 6/14/10, Ketellapper.Victor@epamail.epa.gov <Ketellapper.Victor@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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Date: Monday, June 14, 2010, 10:30 AM

Gordon,

Mike's response to Mr. Orr was very clear regarding EPA contractor's
 drug testing. EPA has nothing further on this topic.

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Mr. Cirian,
 I await a response to my question if 'YOU DENY THAT A GROUP OF ER
 EMPLOYEES
 WERE DISMISSED BECAUSE THEY FAILED A DRUG TEST????'

Thank you,
 Gordon Sullivan

--- On Mon, 6/7/10, Cirian.Mike@epamail.epa.gov
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 Date: Monday, June 7, 2010, 3:26 PM

Mr. Orr;

This is in response to concerns you raised regarding the City's installation of a waterline at the former Export Plant property. EPA has coordinated closely with the City Administrator, city crew and the City's engineering firm to assist the City with this waterline extension project. EPA agreed to excavate two portions of the trench through suspected or known areas of contamination. The City agreed to excavate the connecting portion of the line that runs parallel to the river. The City's contractor and engineering firm would provide the installation and oversight of the waterline distribution and service connections.

Throughout the length of the project, EPA was available to provide oversight, respond to questions, or offer additional assistance for any work where the City might have encountered vermiculite or asbestos contamination. The City's contractor, who is trained and certified for asbestos work, was informed of EPA's offer of assistance during a pre-construction meeting. The City's contractors did not contact EPA for assistance. EPA coordination with the City Administrator and city workers was excellent.

As you have identified, there is an area near the ramp access where suspect materials will be covered with a single lift (approximately 6 inches) of clean fill and a barrier has been placed to delineate that transition zone and all other areas were covered with 12 inches of common fill. Remediation of this area, along with the rest of the former Export Plant property, will be completed once EPA implements the

remedy selected in the Record of Decision (May 2010).

I can assure you that EPA's contractor and the city crew excavating the trenches did not cross contaminate the site, nor did they track vermiculite or asbestos contamination off site. When the excavation was completed, EPA turned the project over to the City and its' engineering firm for completion of the waterline extension project.

Regarding the rumors about any recent personnel actions, they are rumors and are not true.

Sincerely,

Mike Cirian, PE
US EPA
Remedial Project Manager

OU-1 cleanup work

DC Orr

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06/07/2010 08:18 AM

Mr. Cirian;

I was able to view the work at OU-1 over the weekend and it raised some questions.

There is obvious visible vermiculite along the entire toe of the slope in the ramp access to this site. This has been identified as a major source of contamination. It would appear that EPA is not going to

remove this visible vermiculite. It has been laying there, uncovered, in a public park since your contractor exposed it 8-10 weeks ago.

There are tracks from various types of machinery that have trampled right through the pockets of visible vermiculite. Some of these tracks have left a visible trail where they tracked the contaminated soil into the sand your contractors had spread over some of the excavation to make the site accessible for the contractors installing the waterline. This cross contamination has the potential to come back on the people of Libby who have expressed interest in making a playground in that area since it will be only six inches underground and ICs are being designed for at least twelve inches of cover.

Can you tell me if there were any instructions to the waterline contractors to avoid these pockets of raw vermiculite while installing the 1700 foot utility? Were there procedures in place to decontaminate the installers equipment before they moved that equipment to another job? What were those procedures? Did you document compliance?

I have heard that the inspectors who watched the City crews dig this ditch sat in a City truck with the motor running to keep warm while they were on-site and couldn't always see the activity. This does not inspire confidence that these are professionals brought in to monitor work at the site with the greatest death and disease in the history of EPA. There are also rumors that drug testing recently eliminated a large section of trained personnel from your contractors roster. Please tell me this is not true.

There is topsoil dumped in some places where it is touching this exposed vermiculite. Is it your intention to avoid a cover of common fill before the topsoil goes on? This would leave only a six inch cover of topsoil between the raw product and the people using this public park. Is that acceptable to EPA?

Please answer these questions before the crews go down there and cover this up.

Sincerely, DC Orr

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